

REMARKS

The Applicant responded to a Final Office Action sent on 4 May 2004, the Final Office Action reported the examination of Applicant's amended claims 1-11, and the added new Claims 12-24. Claims 1-24 are pending. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Anderson et al (U S Patent No 5,974,396). On October 22, 2004, the Examiner sent an Advisory Action noting that the amendments set forth herein could not be entered as they require a new search. To that end, the Applicant resubmits the amendment along with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Petition for a further Extension for the third month, the prior months petition for extension having been granted in the earlier submission of the amendment.

The Applicant hereby adopts the arguments set forth in the Response to Office Action earlier submitted on September 7, 2004 in response to the Office Action mailed on 4 May 2004.


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CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth in the September 7, 2004 Response to Office Action, the pending claims, Claims 1 through 24 are allowable. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections having been met, the pending claims are in a state of allowability. Applicant requests the Examiner find the pending claims allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that any issues or questions raised by the above set forth arguments, amendments, and clarifications be addressed to the Applicant in the person of his undersigned attorney of record. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his kind attention in the Examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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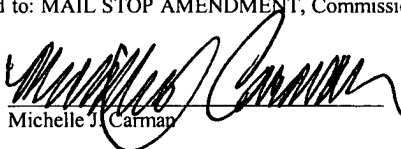


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